

May 19, 2011

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
H-107 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 297 – *Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Criminal History Records*.

This bill requires the Board of License Commissioners of Washington County to apply to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository for a state and national criminal history records check for each applicant for a new alcoholic beverages license or for a transfer of an existing license. The bill also requires the Board to establish a fee to cover specified costs of obtaining an applicant's criminal records.

House Bill 405, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 297.

Sincerely,

Governor